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## Croatia

### Livestock and Products

### Swine Genetics Market

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**Report Highlights:**

Swine genetics in Croatia are improving as commercial slaughter houses are sourcing meat units and purchasing lower fat hogs. Lower quality traditional carcasses (the largest share of production) are being heavily discounted, and these market changes are creating demand for consistent quality hogs. At present, there is a shortage of piglets for fattening. Progressive producers are responding to the new demand and are interested in crossbreeding present breeds and establishing grandparent stock. This is an opportune time for the promotion of U.S. swine genetics to Croatia.

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The following breeds are common in Croatia: Big Yorkshire, Swedish Landrace, German Landrace, Pietren, and Duroc (coming back slowly after 20 years). Producers are interested in crossbreeding present stock with Landrace, Yorkshire, Duroc and Pietran. A native black boar is also finding a niche for some traditional products such as kulen (sausage) and smoked bacon. Artificial insemination is used 25% to 30%.

At present, meat packers are planning investments in reproduction centers. These projects are based on imported genetics from countries such as Spain (Batelle) and Austria (Count Harwick).

Imports of swine semen are small according to Croatian Livestock Selection Center. In 2002 and 2003, there was no recorded trade with swine semen in Croatian import/export statistics.

There is a 0 tariff for import of 010310 pure breed animals for reproduction.

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Swine, live pure-bred breeding – 010310

Reporting Country: Croatia Top 15 Ranking	Import				Export			
	2001		2002		2001		2002	
	Quantity Metric Tons	Value 1000\$	Quantity Metric Tons	Value 1000\$	Quantity Metric Tons	Value 1000\$	Quantity Metric Tons	Value 1000\$
Germany	0	0	29	102	0	0	0	0
Austria	11	46	16	69	0	0	0	0
Slovenia	0	0	2	12	0	0	0	0
World	11	46	47	182	0	0	0	0

NA - Data not available (not reported)      Data: Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HS 6 Digit)

Source: FAS' Global Agricultural Trade System using data from the United Nations Statistical Office

Reporting Country: Croatia Top 15 Ranking	2003 import/export			
	2003 Import		2003 Export	
	Quantity Metric Tons	Value 1000\$	Quantity Metric Tons	Value 1000\$
Germany	1	68	0	0
Austria	10	130	0	0
Spain	1	11	0	0
World	12	212	0	0